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WHALEY SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Timothy Whaley, age 34, of Bronx, New York was sentenced today by U.S. District Court Judge J. Frederick Motz to serve 188 months in prison followed by 4 years of supervised release for possession with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court on January 22, 2004 as part of his plea agreement, on December 11, 2002 Maryland State Police stopped Whaley for speeding on southbound I-95 in Cecil County, Maryland. When the state trooper attempted to arrest Whaley for driving on a suspended license, Whaley sped away at speeds in excess of 110 m.p.h. As Whaley suddenly changed lanes, he lost control of his vehicle and collided with a tractor trailer. The tractor trailer dragged Whaley's vehicle to a stop. Whaley fled on foot into a wooded area. With the assistance of K-9's, the Troopers located Whaley approximately 1 mile away in the woods. A search of his vehicle after his arrest led to the discovery of two large duct taped blocks of compressed white powder which was analyzed as 1720 grams of cocaine, and 44 pellet shaped objects wrapped in rubber and coated in wax containing a compressed white powder which was analyzed as 278.2 grams of heroin.

This case was investigated by the Maryland State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Charles J. Peters.